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Virtual Concert Series Comes to a Close

What did Black Hawk Folk Society do when we couldn't all be physically together to celebrate music this summer? We brought the music to you - virtually! This summer's Virtual Concert Series included many of the artists that were slated to play at the 2020 BHFS Music Festival.

The final performance for the BHFS Virtual Concert Series is David Stoddard (if you get this newsletter in print instead of via email, it may have already occurred).

SATURDAY, SEPT 19 - 7:00pm

David Stoddard is highly entertaining! This talented songwriter hails from Minnesota and has acquired many songwriting accolades at places like the Kerrville New Folk Festival, Minnesota Folk Festival, South Florida Folk Festival, and the Tucson Folk Festival.



John McCutcheon says of Stoddard, "It's not often I hear a songwriter that can write funny and write serious. David Stoddard is one of the rare ones. I love his stuff."

If you missed any of these amazing performers, you might still be able to view a recording of their performances! Just head over to the BHFS website at blackhawkfolk.org and click on "Virtual Concert Series" under "Calendar" in our navigation bar along the top of the page.

You can also find links to many other performers on our Facebook page: facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk



Black Hawk Folk Society

September 2020

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"Pickin' in the Park" with BHFS to Celebrate New Bandshell at Mt. Morris Town Park

We may have had a few chilly days in September already, but not to worry, there is still time for some socially-distanced "Pickin' in the Park!" Some of the talented musicians that volunteer with the Black Hawk Folk Society are planning to give the new bandshell a test run on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 1:00pm (rain date of Sept. 27). Performers and audience should bring their own chairs, wear a mask until seated, and observe courteous social distancing.

If you remember our story from the winter of 2019, we told you about the small citizen group that was hoping to raise funds and build a permanent bandshell at the Mt. Morris Town Park. This group was excited to see their plans coming to fruition this summer! Once they received the "go-ahead" from the town,

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BHFS Needs Your Help

As with many organizations during this pandemic, the Black Hawk Folk Society is unable to hold our regularly scheduled events. This means we are not able to generate the funds needed for operating costs of communicating with you (newsletter and website). But there are some simple ways you can help!

1. Switch your newsletter subscription from a mailed hard copy to email (it's in color)! Send an email to blackhawkfolk@gmail.com with the request. All past newsletters (since 2010) are available on our website at blackhawkfolk.org.
2. Make a small, \$10 donation for this year's costs.
3. Feeling generous? Send us a little more! You will find the form on page three of this newsletter.

We would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to our co-sponsors for the 2020-2021 season (listed on page three)!



At the end of day one (L to R), Kent, John, Dave, Chuck, Dan, and David already had a great start on the project.

(Bandshell at Mt. Morris Town Park, cont.)

this dedicated group of volunteers was anxious to put their energy into something positive for the community!



The concrete base was poured August 4 and the base plates were installed August 23.

There are plans in the works for an official ribbon cutting ceremony next spring/summer. We hope you are as excited about this as we are. What a wonderful addition to a beautiful park!



Rafters of Douglas Fir, columns & beams milled from repurposed utility poles, roof deck of local red pine.



The metal roof was installed during the second week of September.



Led by Dave Erickson, this hard-working crew was able to complete most of the work in under a month!



With a view of beautiful Morris Lake in the background, this space will be an asset to the community.



This front view displays the wood side panels that can be slid to the center when the electrical panel is in use.

Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook at [facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk](https://www.facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk) or [blackhawkfolk.org](https://www.blackhawkfolk.org).

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If you enjoy the monthly concerts and annual festival and want them to continue, please consider a tax-deductible donation to Black Hawk Folk Society. All funds go directly to operation costs. Please print clearly.

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Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

All in-person Concerts and Pickin' at the Post canceled until further notice.
Please check our website ([blackhawkfolk.org](https://www.blackhawkfolk.org)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk](https://www.facebook.com/BlackHawkFolk)) for updated information!

About Black Hawk Folk Society

Black Hawk Folk Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. For information, please contact the appropriate volunteer council member:

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